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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Initially, the indication that claims 12-14, 33-46 and 65-67 are allowed is appreciatively noted.

Claims 7-11 and 28 are rejected only under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The cancellation of claim 7 obviates this issue.

Claims 1, 8 and 9 are rejected as being anticipated by Chapman. By this rejection, it is believed that the Examiner was intending to reject claims 7, 8 and 9, since claim 1 was previously canceled and is in any case nonelected. Accordingly, claims 7-9 are canceled herein, to obviate the rejections thereto.

Claims 10 and 11 which were not rejected over prior art, are retained. Since these claims were not rejected, it is respectfully suggested that these claims should be allowable.

Finally, claim 60 has been amended, as requested by the action, to specify that the pressure sensor is a surface micromachining pressure sensor capable of sensing pressures that are more than 600 psi. This should obviate the Examiner's objection to those claims.

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It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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